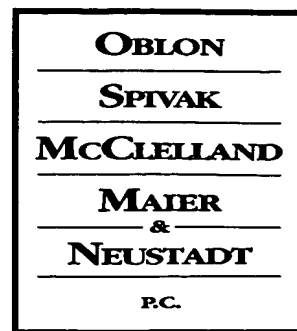




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Responsive to the Official Action dated January 27, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-4 and 6 drawn to an antibody that recognizes a peptide having 80% homology with SEQ ID NO:1 or a partial peptide thereof.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy to read as follows:

1. (Amended) An SRSV detection kit comprising antibodies against SRSV-related virus constituting peptides(a) to (k), wherein said peptides (a) to (k) are as follows:

(a) a peptide having an amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:1 and peptides having at least 80% homology with said amino acid sequence, and partial peptides thereof,

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